



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: J. Bratten
U.S. Serial No. : 07/813,161
Filed On : December 24, 1991
For : FILTER APPARATUS
Examiner : R. Popovics
Art Unit : 1308

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 1993,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please rewrite claim 3 (Amended) as follows:

3. (Twice Amended) A filter apparatus for filtering solids
from a liquid comprising:

a tank [adapted] constructed and arranged to receive liquid
to be filtered, said tank including a bottom and a rear endwall;

a perforate section formed in said tank bottom, a collection
chamber disposed beneath said perforate [layer] section, and means
for drawing liquid through said perforate section into said
collection chamber;

a continuous loop of a porous permanent filter media belt,
including a segment extending down said rear wall and passing along
said tank bottom over said perforate section to an exit point at
the end of said tank opposite said rear wall;

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